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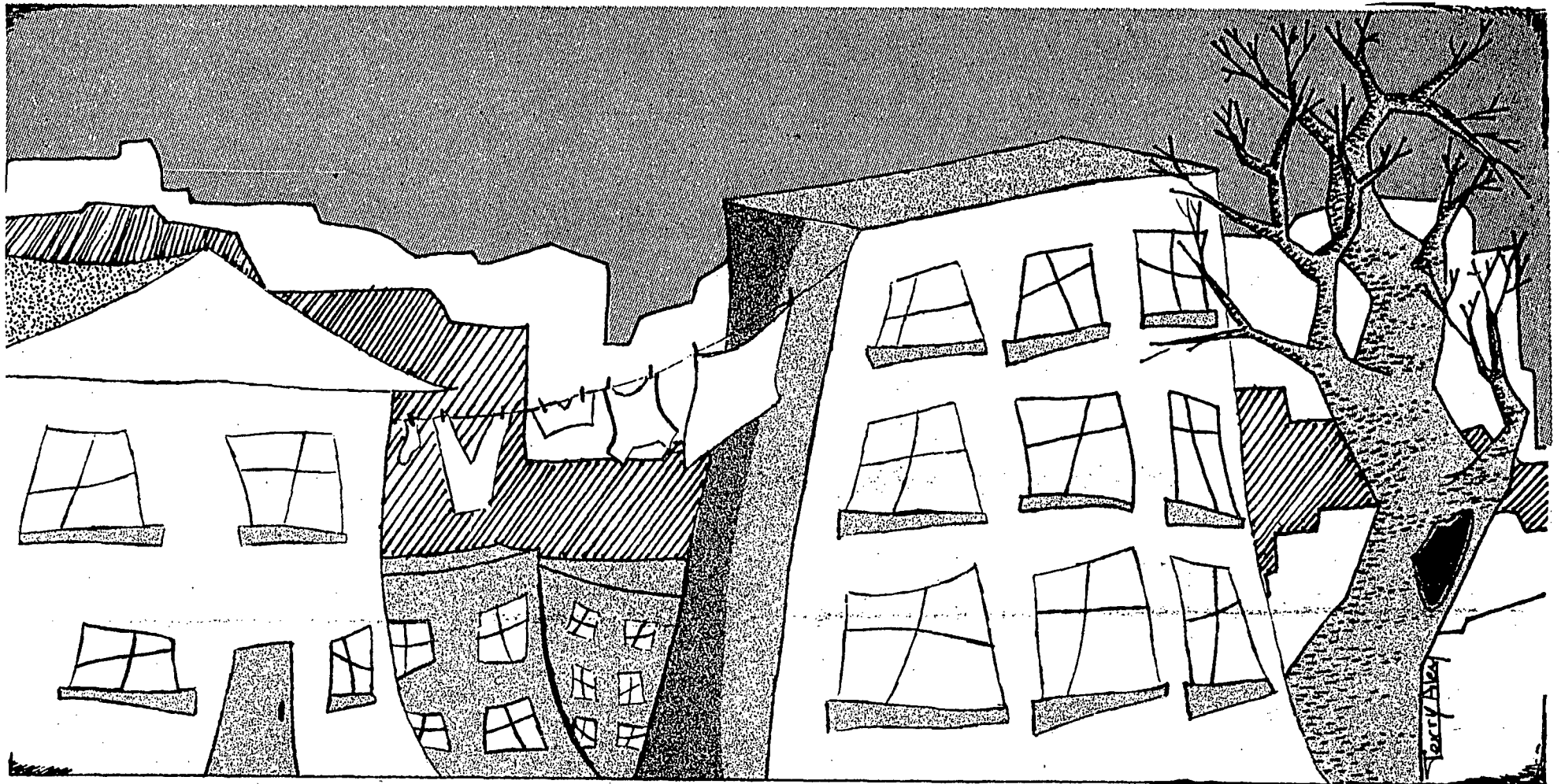
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## New Rental Code makes every man's house into **Every man's castle**

**W**hy doesn't someone do something about this?" We hear this question virtually every day. Whether it be something as small as a desk cluttered with untouched notes from history class, letters from Mom and Dad we have conveniently forgotten to answer and slips of paper we can't seem to remember for what purpose we saved them. It could be something as large as reducing the ever-increasing federal deficit.

For once, someone has done something to help provide better living conditions for Northwest students. It's called the rental code and is intended to improve the quality of off-campus housing. And as most of us know, there are a great number of rented homes which can stand for some fixing up.

Three friends from Kansas City and myself recently went off campus to visit a couple of our friends who attend Northwest.

The white, two-story home they rented looked

innocent enough, but the innocence seemed to fade as we entered the place.

Once inside, I couldn't help but notice the yellow splotches on the ceiling. They were stains left from leaks caused by a rainstorm. I didn't think those splotches were the type of thing Jordache had in mind when they invented their fashion designs.

Richard amused himself with the floor, which bounced up and down not unlike a trampoline.

Someone switched on the radio where Madonna was busy "Causing a Commotion". And it wasn't long before a roach peered from behind a painting and decided to do just that.

As the little creature began to creep across the wall, hoping to attack my friend Carol, Stephanie pulled off her shoe. Just as she drew the weapon back for the grand slam, the roach ran back for cover under the painting.

A few moments later two roaches peeped out, the original perhaps sticking his tongue out at Stephanie.

During our conversation Richard brought up the age-old question once again: "Why doesn't someone do something about this?"

This scenario may seem somewhat funny, but many students put up with the same types of things. Some students don't have it quite this bad, but others experience problems with their homes which are even worse.

Not all landlords neglect their duties to keep their homes in adequate condition. Some of them do, however, and they do so intentionally. These landlords who try to rip students off are unaffectionately called slumlords.

For once, someone spoke out. Students and the citizens of Maryville made the City Council aware of the housing problems. And someone answered. The Rental Code Committee was formed for the purpose of drawing up an ordinance that would enforce the various housing and zoning laws of Maryville.

The committee spent many long months trying to pass the rental code. That code has now been passed.

"Why doesn't someone do something about this?" no longer pertains to off-campus housing. The code is here for us all to make use of.

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# Former librarian sues Northwest for \$1 million

## Suit claims wrongful termination of employment

BY KIM SCHENK  
News Assistant

Carol A. Lafferty has filed a \$1 million law suit against Northwest for breach of contract.

Lafferty, a former employee of the University, was hired as Head of Automated Services at B.D. Owens Library Aug. 15, 1985, with a contract renewal beginning July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987.

Lafferty claims Northwest breached the employment contract on its part without right or cause by discharging her from employment.

The suit claims that on May 15, 1987 Northwest orally and wrongfully terminated her services, ordering her to clean out her desk, turn in her keys and leave

the building. The claim also states the University did not provide her with any reason for its decision.

In a letter dated Aug. 12, 1987, to the plaintiff from Dean Hubbard, Northwest president, it was stated that Lafferty was hired for a specific purpose, and the purpose was complete. Therefore, the termination of her employment was in the best interest of the University.

Lafferty further states she received a raise from her \$17,500 starting salary upon renewal of her contract based on the fact the University was pleased with her progress.

The plaintiff's suit is asking for \$500,000 in damages, claiming she suffered loss of morale, confidence, self-esteem, humiliation, nervousness, loss of sleep and loss of reputation. Another \$500,000 is requested for actual

damages bringing the total to \$1 million in punitive damages.

Named in the suit are Dr. Dean Hubbard, Board of Regents members Michel Thompson, Theodore Robinson, Leigh Wilson, Sherry Meaders, Robert Gill and Edward Douglas, all serving

terms at the time of Lafferty's termination along with Richard Dumont, vice president for academic affairs.

"The University position (on the suit) is to let the legal system take its course without commenting publicly," Bob Henry, director of public relations said.

### FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FALL SEMESTER 1987-88

Final Exams begin at 7:30 a.m., December 14 and end at 6:00 p.m. December 17.

Classes meeting for the first  
time in the week:

Date and hour of  
final examination

9:00 Tuesday..... Monday, December 14, 7:30 a.m.  
11:00 Monday..... 10:00 a.m.  
2:00 Monday..... 1:00 p.m.  
9:00 Monday..... 3:30 p.m.  
History 155..... 7:00 p.m.

3:00 Tuesday..... Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 a.m.  
3:00 Monday..... 10:00 a.m.  
Speech 102..... 1:00 p.m.  
12:00 Monday..... 3:30 p.m.  
Biology 102..... 7:00 p.m.

10:00 Monday..... Wednesday, December 16, 7:30 a.m.  
8:00 Monday..... 10:00 a.m.  
1:00 Monday..... 1:00 p.m.  
1:00 Tuesday..... 3:30 p.m.  
Government 102..... 7:00 p.m.

Computer Science 130..... Thursday, December 17, 7:30 a.m.  
8:00 Tuesday..... 10:00 a.m.  
4:00 Tuesday..... 1:00 p.m.  
10:00 Tuesday..... 3:30 p.m.  
Chemistry 113, 115, 117..... 7:00 p.m.

11:00 Tuesday..... Friday, December 18, 7:30 a.m.  
12:00 Tuesday..... 10:00 a.m.  
2:00 Tuesday..... 1:00 p.m.  
4:00 Monday..... 3:30 p.m.

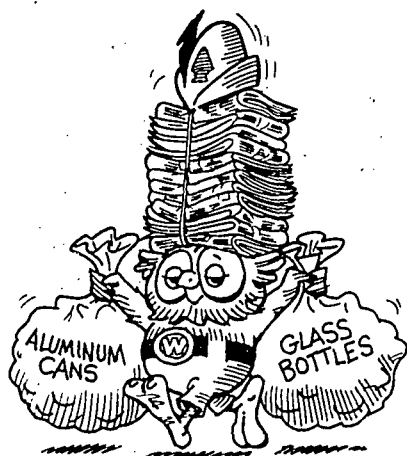
## Senate Reports

To inform the students of the  
activities of the Student Senate  
each week an informative article  
will run updating readers on the ac-  
tivities of the Senate.

The Student Senate received 1,500 plus signatures for their Culture of Quality petition to block the proposed calendar for the 1987-88 school year. These petitions were presented to the Board of Regents at the November 18 meeting. The Board of Regent's selection committee will be meeting today at 4:15 p.m. to review the six candidates for the student position on the Regent's Board.

Senate will be sponsoring a Bloodmobile on Monday, November 23 from 11-5 p.m. in the ballroom. Northwest will be competing with Central Missouri State for a traveling trophy along with the campus competition between Greeks and independents.

Students interested in Who's Who applications will be able to pick one up in the Senate Office before Christmas.



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## Letter to the Editor

## Gala appreciates support

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Music faculty and students at Northwest, I would like to thank the faculty and students for their enthusiastic support of our benefit concert, A MUSICAL GALA: Spotlight on American Entertainment. Such demonstrations of care and concern shows all of us connected with the music program that you appreciate our past accomplishments and believe in our bright future. Be assured that we are as proud of you as you are of us.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Richard Bobo, Chairman  
Department of Music

## Fine arts deserve respect

Dear Editor,

When I was still in high school, I couldn't wait to get to college. I was tired of all of the childish comments and attitudes towards my friends and me because we were talented in music. Surely, I thought, people wouldn't be quite as immature on the college level. I've recently realized that I was wrong.

I chose to come to Northwest because I was aware of the excellent music program here, and I know several graduates from here that are now fine music directors. Northwest is well known for its music department, and I see now from experience that the ensembles and faculty here really are worth being proud of.

The Bearcat Marching Band started the year playing some songs for the students seated in the east bleachers, but the lack of respect we received proved that it was worthless, and we soon stopped. At the last football game, we heard comments from the crowd such as, "The band sucks!" To top things off, the other day I was in the Union and I noticed that someone had written a defamatory message on a poster advertising the Jazz Ensemble concert.

The problem comes from students who haven't grown up enough to realize that music performers and educators are an important part of our society. As Eugene Corporon from the University of Cincinnati recently said at the Iowa All-State concert, there have been cultures in history that existed without reading and writing, but all cultures have the fine arts. I feel that all of the ensembles at Northwest do an excellent job of representing the University, and I wish the student body could show a little more respect for them.

Sincerely,  
Jim Johnson

## Students seek facility outlet

Dear Editor,

As the year goes on we are subjected to great amounts of stress in academics. To relieve these anxieties we, as do other students, wish to release the pressures which go along with academics. Our way of letting off these pressures is through athletics. Many of us participated in high school athletics but are not gifted enough to play at the college level.

We are grateful that Bob Lade has the quality Intramural program that he does. We also understand the use of the gyms by Varsity Athletics. Our major concern is the renting of the gym in Brown Hall as well as in Martindale. There is a fee built in to our tuition for the purpose of these facilities, we do not see why the University should be able to rent out these gyms to organizations. The gyms are for the use of the entire student body, not just a select few. Students need a place that we can go and be assured that we can use, without having the fear of some group having rented out the gym. We feel that Northwest should take pride in its students. Besides, what does the logo "Putting the U in NWMSU" mean?

Sincerely,  
Larry Hunt  
Tracy Gach

## Stroller

## Stroller plagued by constant bad luck

With all my talk of dissent on around campus, I decided to ease off the people I have been hazing this semester. I thought it would be time to give you a little insight on what happened to the Stroller on Friday the 13th.

I awoke to the loud annoying blasts of my trusty old alarm clock. That didn't last long. I slithered my way over to the side of the bed and hit the snooze button. Eight more minutes is all I ask. Just let me sleep for eight more minutes. With that last thought I rolled over and went back to sleep.

Suddenly my roommate came storming into my room and asked me why I didn't go to my nine o'clock class. Oh, no! I don't believe it. I missed my nine o'clock for the 14th time this semester. So much for trying to have a good attendance in that class.

I hopped out of bed and headed for the shower to get ready for my 10 o'clock. I should have known when I got there all the hot water would be gone because both my roommates had just taken their showers, but no, I tried it anyway. That lasted about five seconds. I guess I'll go without a shower today. One thing I won't do is go without shaving. You know how hard it is to pick up girls when you've got fuzz on the face.

I couldn't seem to find my razor anywhere. We had a party the night before, and our bathroom got trashed. I kind of wished I hadn't found my electric razor when I did. Some lunatic had evidently tried to shave his face with shaving cream and my electric razor. What a goofball.

Please, dear God, let my toothbrush be safe. I breathed a huge sigh of relief when I saw that my toothbrush was safe and sound in its trusty old hiding spot. At least I will have fresh breath today. Oh, no, it can't be. Who squirted all my toothpaste into the bathtub? I guess I should look at the bright side. We do throw some bitchin' parties.

So, without a shower, shave, or even clean breath for that matter, I hopped into my sky blue

piece of junk Nova and tooled my way to campus. For some strange reason I had a gut feeling there wouldn't be any parking spots left. Right again. So now I was down to only two options. Do I a) park way off campus and take the chance of being late for class, or b) park in Wells Hall parking lot and take the chance of getting another parking ticket? I've gotten so many tickets already that I'm on a special "tow" list.

I'm happy to say that I opted for plan "b." I parked, or rather piled, my car (I told you it was junk) safely within the confines of the parking lot and went to class.

Class was great. The teacher even let us out ten minutes early because it was Friday. So here I am, with all my troubles behind me, done for the weekend and ready to go out and get rude, crude, and socially unacceptable. Not quite...while I was in class, my good buddies from Campus Safety borrowed my car for the afternoon.

So, as I'm hitchhiking my way home, cussing up a storm trying to think how I can gain revenge against those geeks, some dweeb comes blowing by me splashing water and mud all over my jeans. The thing that really made me mad is that these jeans still had two or three good days left before they would have needed to be washed. OK, so I'm a slimebag wears dirty jeans. Big deal...

They say life's a bitch and then you die. All I've got to say is that I'm glad Friday the 13th doesn't come around very often. However, one thing I am happy about is that if Friday the 13th even tries to come around again, I'm sure the administration will try to take it away too. Ha, ha, ha...

I hope your Friday the 13th didn't go as bad as mine did. If it did, just relax, put the gun down, and let's talk about it. I think the next time Friday the 13th rolls around, I'm going to grab me a bottle of whiskey, a wild woman, half a pack of cigarettes, some sunglasses and hide out in a cheap, sleazy motel room.

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## Professors say Stock Market drop poses uncertainty for trade

BY NICK WILLIAMS  
News Writer

No one seems to know for certain what has caused the recent Stock Market drop. But two Northwest economic professors have offered their opinions.

There is not just one specific cause, Dr. Mark Jelavich, associate professor of economics, said.

"Part of it is concern about whether the economy will enter a recession in the next six or seven months," he said.

Concern over the Stock Market may discourage consumers from buying products. Many stores across the U.S. are running their pre-Christmas sales now because they are afraid of being stuck with excess merchandise, Dr. Ray Brown, assistant professor of economics, said.

"On the other hand," Brown said, "it may be December 1 and they find themselves all out of merchandise, too."

Jelavich said durable goods, such as cars, furniture and appliances, are less likely to be purchased by consumers.

"So if there is a recession, it would probably be due to lack of consumer buying power," Jelavich said.

Another part of the concern is the federal deficit.

"The government keeps talking about it but is not doing anything about it, causing people to lose confidence," Brown said.

The foreign-trade deficit is another factor which may have affected the Stock Market. Before the plunge began, the Federal Reserve banks started increasing their interest rates in order to tighten the money supply.

"They did that because they were afraid inflation was becoming a problem again," Brown said.

Apparently this spooked foreign buyers who were in the Stock Market. Much of the buying and selling of stock is done without human intervention. This is called program trading, Brown said. The foreigners and other people became scared and began selling off.

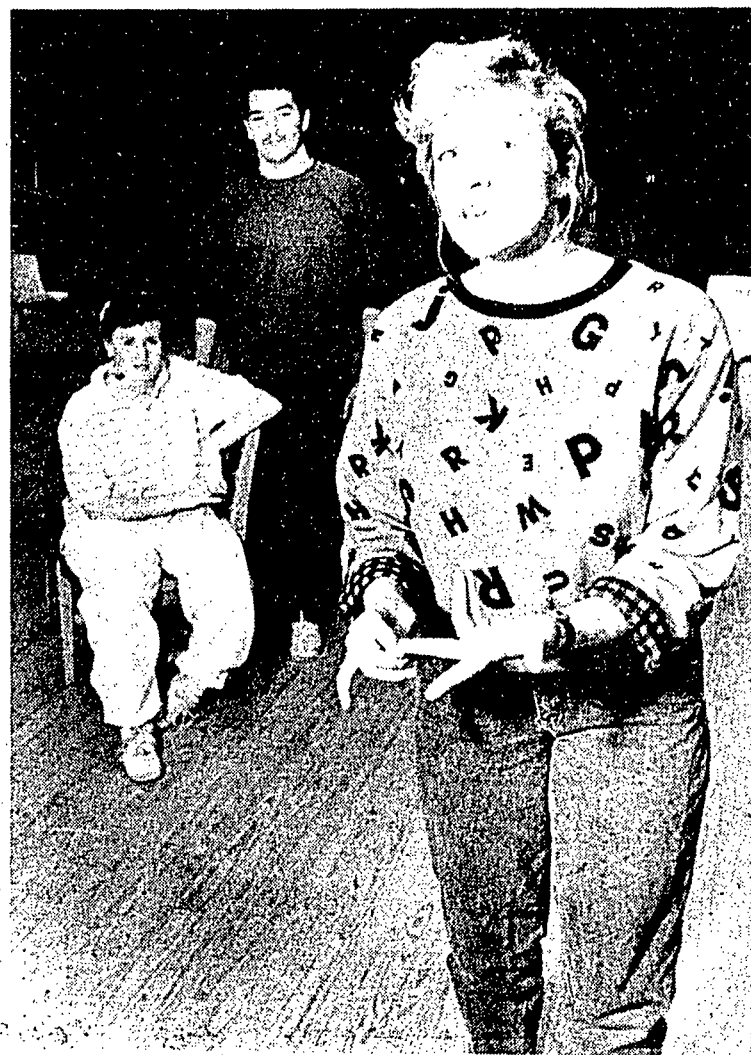
"The computers took over and started wave after wave of selling," Brown said. "Billions of dollars were lost before people realized what happened."

Jelavich and Brown said there is no guarantee what the future of the Stock Market may bring.

"It may be at the bottom, but that doesn't tell you when it's going to go up," Brown said. "It may take five years for it to go back up. It might go back up next week...nobody knows."

The whole situation is psychology. As President Reagan once said, if everyone believes we are going to have a depression, then it may happen. But if everyone believes the economy will pull through, the economy will stay healthy.

"Every indication is that we've got a healthy economy," Brown said.



Friday, the Northwest University Players and the Department of Theatre will present Neil Simon's play "The Gingerbread Lady," at 7:30 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theatre. Angy Webb (foreground),

Kathy Pace and Eric Willis star in the production. "The Gingerbread Lady" is the original production of the later film production "Only When I Laugh".

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## Smokers at Northwest receive group opportunity for Fresh Start

BY NICK WILLIAMS  
News Writer

Each year, on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, the Great American Smokeout is held. This 11-year-old event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

On this day smokers are urged to

quit smoking just for that day. This year Northwest is also offering a program for smokers who are serious about giving up smoking. Students who smoke may wish to attend the Fresh Start Program, a series of seminars sponsored by the Student Health Service.

Four seminars will be spread out over a two week time period. The support

group is scheduled to meet twice a week on Nov. 30, Dec. 2, 7 and 9. Each seminar will last about an hour.

The group will consist of no more than 20 members, Mary Strong, nurse coordinator for the Health Service, said. The ideal number of participants for the group would be ten.

"We'd like to offer the program once

a semester," Strong said. "Maybe eventually it will take off."

Anyone who is interested in participating in the Fresh Start program should contact the Health Service as soon as possible. The organizers need to know if there will be enough students to have the program.

According to the American Cancer Society, 83 percent of lung cancer cases could be prevented if individuals never took up smoking. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths. About 92,000 men and 44,000 women will die of lung cancer this year. Approximately 54 million Americans smoke.

According to the American Lung Association, 90 percent of all smokers would like to quit smoking. Many former smokers tried to quit smoking three or four times before succeeding, according to the ACS. Smokers of low tar and nicotine cigarettes find it easier to stop smoking than those of high tar and nicotine cigarettes. About 17.5 percent of all college women smoke and 10 percent of college men smoke.

The Health Service would also like to announce the upcoming BACCHUS meeting. The meeting will be held at the Health Center on Wed., December 2 at 6 p.m.

BACCHUS is a program which helps students develop positive skills related to alcohol, Strong said. Anyone interested in the program should attend the meeting.

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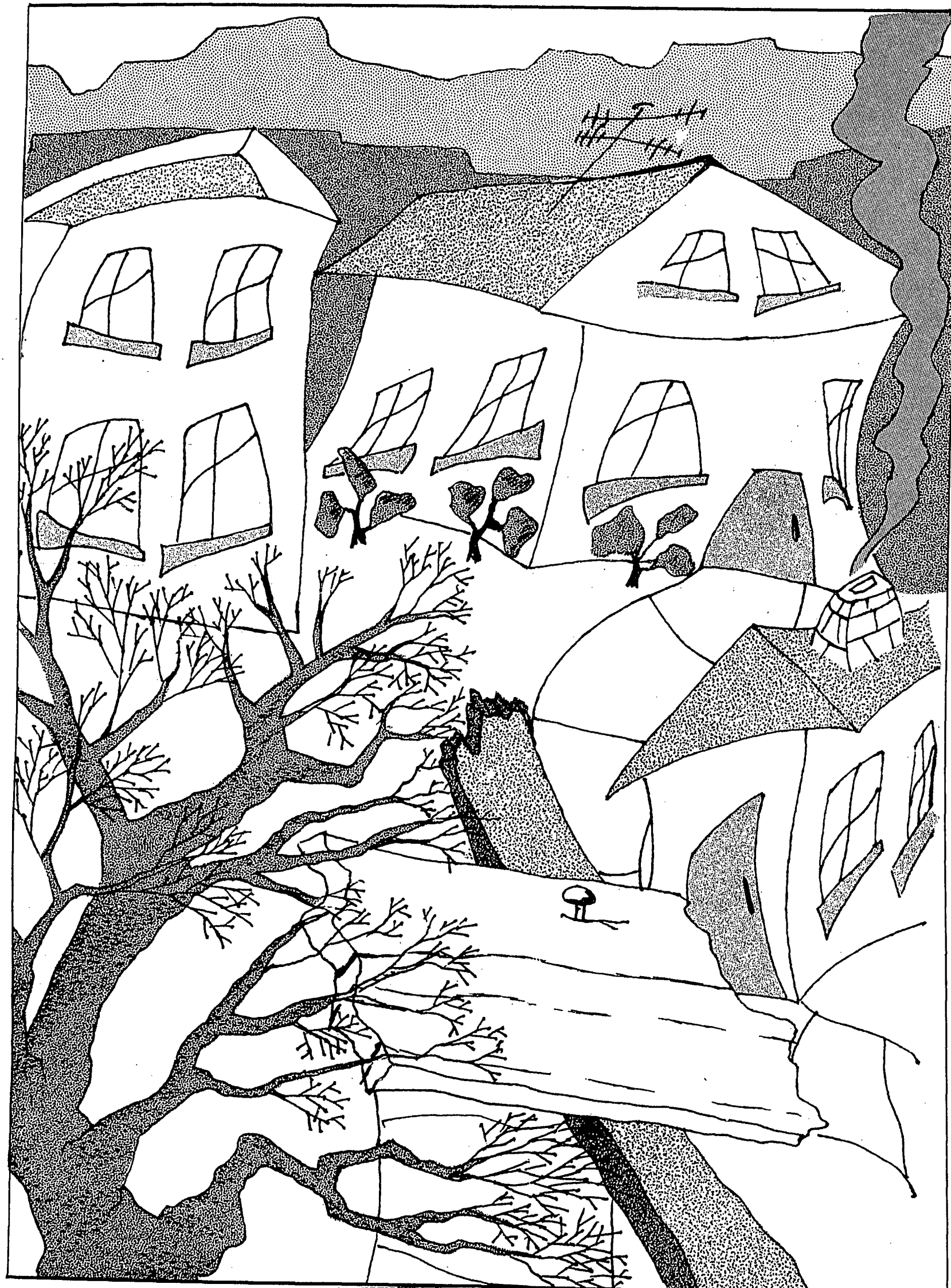
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## New rental regulations enforce housing upkeep

**M**aryville's controversial new rental code was passed more than a month ago. However, few people seem to understand precisely what the code is and how it affects them.

"A lot of people seem to have a fantasy that the code is a little paragraph statement," Rev. Tom Hawkins, Chaplain of the Newmar Catholic Center and Chairman of the Rental Code Committee, said. "It's a eight page legal statement that took a lot of time to develop."

News of the rental code first broke out after a Maryville City Council meeting on April 24 of last year. Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Ellis had proposed a rental code to the council in February.

Citizens of Maryville complained about excessive noise from neighbors. They believed the single-family zoning code was being abused. The single-family code allows a maximum of five unrelated residents to live in one house.

Ellis recommended a code similar to the one in Columbia because it, too, was a college town. Several landlords were present at the April meeting at

the city hall and most were objected to the proposed code, Hawkins said.

Their primary objection to the proposed code was it provided such things as tracking tenants.

"Tracking tenants means to keep a list of the names and addresses of the homeowners of the tenants," Hawkins said.

If tenants skipped out on paying utility bills or did not pay bills they owed to businesses, there would be a way to track down the violators and collect payment from them.

"The landlords didn't want to be responsible for the paperwork," Hawkins said.

The idea of tracking tenants may have come from an event which happened the previous Christmas, Hawkins said.

"Over the Christmas break a house had burned down, destroying several apartments that had belonged to students," he said.

No one knew how to contact the students and tell them their property had been destroyed.

"They found it out by coming back to town for the beginning of the semester in January," Hawkins said. "And instead of moving back into the

**T**he problems with the homes ranged from leaking roofs to weak foundations, bugs, shaky floors and plumbing leaks. One student said the landlord had not paid the utility bill and the company was threatening to cut off the utilities. The tour convinced the mayor some students were being exploited.

old house they came back to a pile of embers."

If the landlords were to keep track of their tenants, they could notify them in case such a disaster occurred.

"I tend to think good landlords have that sort of information anyway," Hawkins said, "that they do take an interest in the people they're doing business with."

After the meeting, Hawkins wrote the City Council a letter, suggesting they take a walking tour of student apartments. This would give them a better idea of what the problems were. "I had previously arranged for four

different groups of student tenants," Hawkins said, "that they would be home that afternoon and let the City Council come in and see the sort of apartments that they were renting."

Three of the City Council members went on the tour. Mayor W.R. O'Riley invited several other people to accompany them.

The problems with the homes ranged from leaking roofs to weak foundations, bugs, shaky floors and plumbing leaks. One student said the landlord had not paid the utility bill and the company was threatening to cut off the utilities. The tour convinced O'Riley some students were being exploited.

At the end of the walk, Hawkins presented everyone present a letter signed by Hawkins, Rev. Forrest Cornelius of the Baptist Student Union, Rev. Bryce A. Bereuter of the Lutheran Campus Center, Rev. Larry Lewis of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Rev. Don and Marjean Ehlers of the United Methodist Wesley Foundation.

The letter urged an improvement of the conditions students live. The ministers were concerned about the quality of the neighborhood and the safety of the students.

On the same day, O'Riley asked participants of the tour to form a committee, the Rental Code Committee. The members of the committee were Rob Geist, Dean Hubbard, Gweldon Long, James Lott, J.P. Mees and Al Wilson. Hawkins was selected as chairman of the committee.

At their first committee meeting, they discussed the problems of renting in Maryville and thought about possible solutions to the problem.

Long, a landlord, said he was amazed that residents would put up with some of the living conditions they were under.

Other emphasis was put on education of locating a place to live. You can not force students to move onto the University, Lott said, but we can better educate them as to what housing is available in town.

Maryville already had, and still has, a number of building codes in terms of safety and health.

These codes are known as the BOCA (Building Officials and Code

Administrators), and are basic code structures which exist in the nation.

"The problem is a lot of times that [code] doesn't get enforced because, although it's on the books, nobody ever goes around to the rental properties to see if the code standards are being met," Hawkins said.

The committee studied the Columbia rental code and decided it was best not to rewrite the laws existing in Maryville. Instead, they should enforce the building codes already passed.

The central part of the code was, the committee believed, to have the various rental properties undergo inspection.

"The idea is simply that people who are going to rent property, if they're going to do it legally, is to have that property inspected by the city building inspector to see that it meets the city building codes," Hawkins said. "Then they have to get a certificate of approval saying that it has met the code inspection."

The concept of tracking tenants was eliminated from the proposal. That seemed to be the thing which provoked the most opposition, Hawkins said. Committee members met with City Attorney Scott Ross on June 11. Ross spotted a problem in the ordinance: requiring inspections of all rental units in the city.

In the 1950's and the early 1960's, landowners were forced to submit to administrative inspections of their property. However, two U.S. Supreme Court decisions during the late 1960's ruled such inspections unconstitutional. A city can only inspect property with the landowner's consent or a search warrant, Scott informed the committee.

Columbia enforces its code through the use of search warrants when they are necessary. The city officials of Maryville do not have the authority to issue search warrants.

In other words, if the ordinance were passed, landowners would have to apply for a Certificate of Compliance, but they would not have to submit to an inspection.

On Tuesday, June 24, the code committee checked with Ross about the legality of adding a provision to the code. The provision would withhold water to those who refuse inspection. But such an action would prove unnecessary.

"We cannot conduct random searches," Ross said. "We can, however, search as a condition precedent to licensing because (1) we conduct these searches at a stated, regular interval and (2) the owner may avoid the search by declining to get into the rental business."

After reworking the ordinance four times, the document was voted on and passed out of committee.

On Nov. 13, the City Council held a public hearing of the proposed code.

### Rental Code

### Code may not have survived without concern of students

guments over the code have concerned the costs of inspection.

"When we passed the code there was going to be no charge to anybody in it," Hawkins said. "Later on there was a question coming from city hall as to how expensive this would be in terms of personnel time for the city inspector."

The costs are expected to fall into the hands of the landlords.

"The cost is going to be to people that are running slum housing where the electrical wiring is bad, where the ceilings are leaking, where people are living in dangerous conditions," Hawkins said.

Despite costs, Hawkins said Maryville will benefit from the effects of the code. Northwest's Student Senate heard from a Columbia, Mo. woman who said the whole town was surprised how the rental code improved not only safety, but overflowed into a better appearance for the community.

Student Senate recently put together a pamphlet for student renters called *Tips for the Weary Renter*. The pamphlet is intended to help students who are seeking a place to live off campus. Tips on signing rental contracts and other valuable information are included.

"It's a step in the right direction," Hawkins said.

To Hawkins, the passing of the rental code emphasizes there is a positive side to Maryville.

"A lot of times the students have a negative attitude towards the town, as if the town's just ripping [them] off and using [them]," he said. "This is an instance where the town has done something right for all the students."

Hawkins was also pleased with the manner in which the City Council handled the code and grateful to those council members who voted in favor of the ordinance.

"[One place] I lived at was sold, about this time of year, and the landlord refused to turn on the furnace and said she did not turn it on until a certain date," Michael Beckner, a former Northwest student, said.

Other students spoke of similar problems with their landlords and the property they rented. Other students added that students often do not have the time to look for the appropriate place to live while attending school.

The students were asked if they would be willing to pay a one-time five dollar fee at the time of rental to pay for the costs of enforcing the code. They agreed they would pay the fee.

Hawkins said he was pleased the students actively participated in the events surrounding the adoption of the code.

"If they hadn't done that, the thing might have dropped dead, because the only people that the City Council would have heard from would be some landlords who are interested in not having their property examined," Hawkins said.

The City Council took the ordinance up at a later date and finally passed it on Monday, Oct. 12 of this year. The hard work of the Rental Code Committee has paid off, despite the controversy.

"I guess it was like when they argued over the Constitution 200 years ago," Hawkins said.

Hawkins believes each member of the committee had been heard and was able to contribute input. Recent ar-

## Northwest Missourian

# Chapter reactivates

By Kristy Billups  
Special to the *Missourian*

The Phi Beta Lamda (PBL) Chapter of Northwest has formally reactivated with 18 current members.

All the students are majoring in business in the College of Business, Government and Computer Science.

Northwest's chapter was active for four years until going inactive in the 1986-1987 academic year.

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lamda (FBLA-PBL) is an educational association made up of students pursuing careers in business or business education.

The association is composed of three divisions: FBLA for high school students; PBL for postsecondary students; and an Alumni Division formed from both groups.

The purpose of PBL is to provide opportunities for college students to develop vocational competencies for business and office occupations or business teacher education and promotes a sense of civic and personal responsibility.

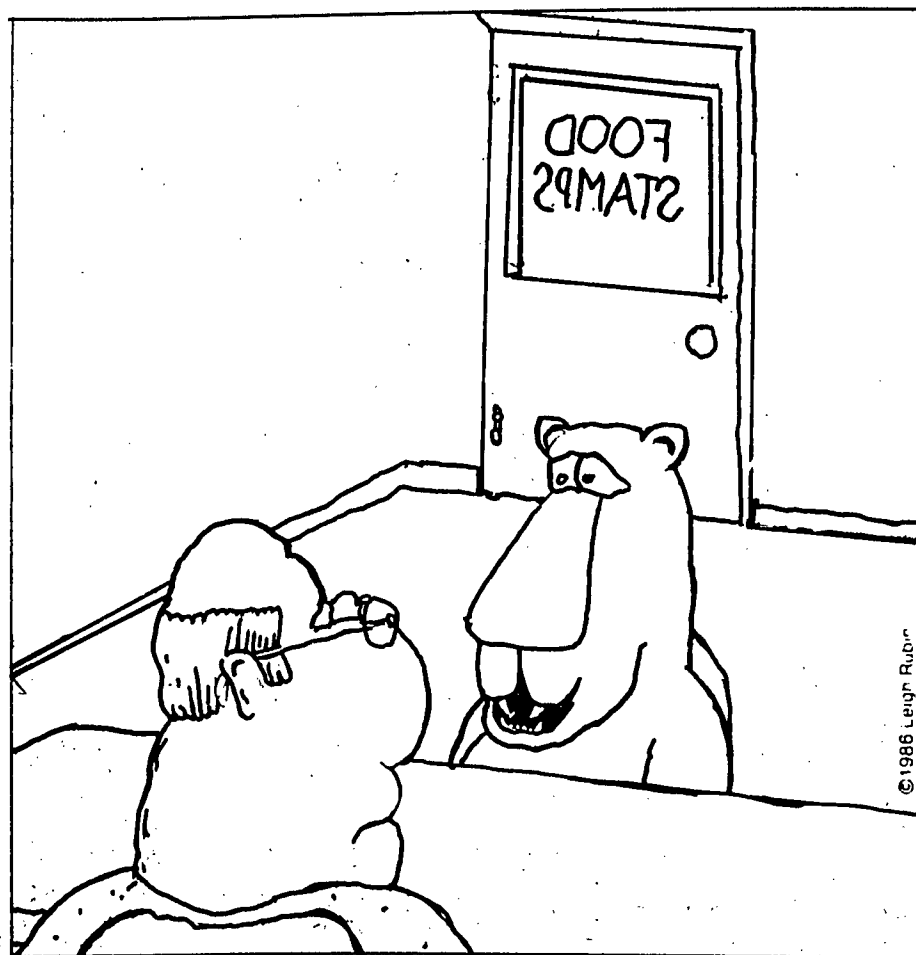
There are over 220,000 active FBLA-PBL and Alumni members in over 10,000 chartered chapters throughout the 50 states, American Samoa, Canal Zone, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and American Schools in Europe.

Northwest's PBL Chapter meets monthly and membership is open to all business majors.

The Chapter has volunteered to assist the Maryville Chamber of Commerce with the construction of Winter Wonderland in Franken Park, has planned a field trip to the Federal Reserve Bank and DST, Inc., in Kansas City on Dec. 2 and will assist with two high school business contests to be held on the Northwest campus next spring.

The capstone of the Chapter's year will be the State Leadership Conference to be held in April in Jefferson City.

Members will compete in competitive events with other PBL members, with hopes to qualify for the National Leadership Conference, held in June.



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### PERSONALS

**ASPA,**  
Gobble, gobble. No, we're not talking about Thanksgiving just yet. Just a reminder about our tour November 19. Watch the bulletin board for details.

**CURLY,**  
"Off the charts, but not our hearts." You made a good effort and I'm proud of you for it.  
-KJ

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**CHAD AND SHELLIE,**  
Hi.  
-Angela

**MEN OF SIG PHI EPSILON,**  
Thanks for the great mixer!  
-The Women of Delta Zeta

**TRISTINA,**  
Happy 20th!

-Triangle,  
Ekim,  
the Frenchman,  
and Turman

**TO MY HONEYBUNNY,**  
(Bach, bach.) Congrats for going to finals in two events and doing so well. I'm really proud of you.

-Love,  
Snicklefritz

**ANGELA,**  
I hope you continue to live. I wouldn't doubt your luck runs out since you're not going to send out a million, or however many, letters to a bunch of weirdos. Ba ha ha.

-Me

**K.W.,**  
You are a god. And I mean that. If!...you know what I mean.

-K.K.

**DELTA SIGS,**  
Have a great Thanksgiving Break.

-B., D., & D.

**KIRSTEN AND KATHLEEN,**  
Have a great break. Have a safe trip home and back.

-B.

**DEANN,**  
Have a great Turkey Day. After Thanksgiving Break, we'll have to get some pink lemonade. Maybe after I get the rest of my money we can get some more!

-B.

**DANA,**  
You had ought to try the pink lemonade; it's yummy. Here's your personal, enjoy it.

-B.

**LITTLE D.J.,**  
Have you tripped over any curbs lately? How about falling down or up the stairs?

-D. & B.

**BLUE-EYED BANDIT,**  
It'll snow soon! Hee-hee.

-Your little dollies

**KIRSTEN,**  
Roses are red; violets are blue; I'm getting sick of making these things up; I wish you were here to help. How 'bout that one?

-Sick of the Classifieds

**D.,**  
Only four more days until break. I know it's going to snow so bad we won't be able to go home. Oh well, I think it'll be loads of fun staying here. Sure.

-H.



## Student-directed play premieres on Friday

BY MICHELLE CAMPBELL  
Features Editor

Northwest's Department of Theatre and University Players are opening their second season with Neil Simon's play, "The Gingerbread Lady."

Actually, this is the first full season of the lab-series plays. They plan to have at least eight or nine plays next semester.

The plays are not open just to theatre majors but to all students and people of the community.

Interested people can also get a chance to direct the plays and help with lighting, sound and behind-the-scene action.

Doug Ford is the director for this month's play. He also has a role in "The Gingerbread Lady."

The plot of "The Gingerbread Lady" is about an alcoholic woman dealing with her relationships with her family, friends, lover, alcohol and most importantly, herself.

Evy Meara (Kathy Pace) is the alcoholic mother returning from an alcohol rehabilitation center to find her daughter, Polly (Felicia Taylor) wanting to move in with her after living seven years with her natural father.

"The play effectively brings alcohol to the forefront and avoids the stereotyped alcoholic," said Ford.

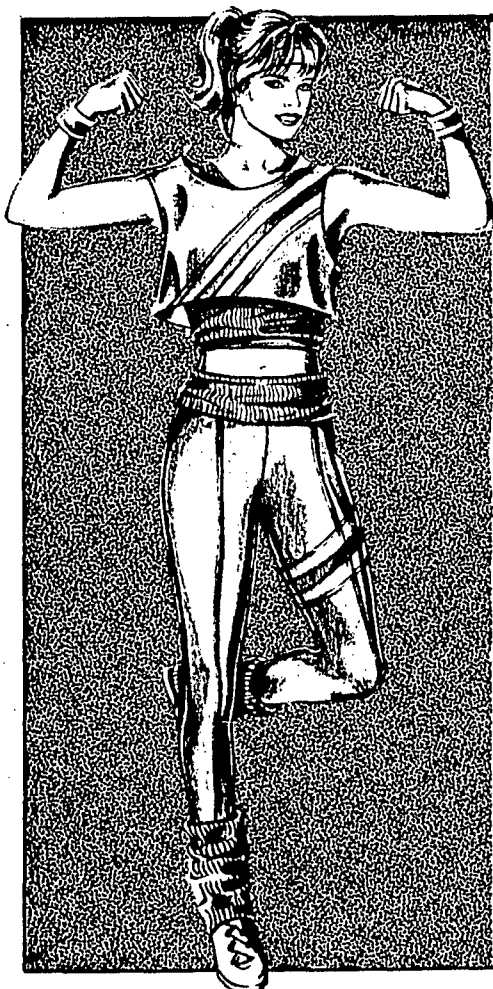
Other cast members are Angy Webb and Eric Willis.

The play will be presented on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 in the Charles Johnson Theatre. Admission is 50 cents.



## Sing a Song

The Department of Music at Northwest will present the Tower Choir, University Choral and University Singers in their annual Fall Concert on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Byron Mitchell, assistant professor of music and a member of the faculty since 1964, directs the 44-voiced select Tower Choir and the 125-voice University Chorale. Dr. Patricia Bowers Shultz, assistant professor of music, will direct the barber-shop quartet as they sing a medley of "crowd pleasers."



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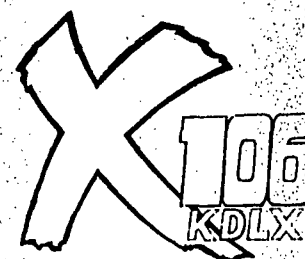
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# Thomsen announces resignation as head coach

BY TROY APOSTOL  
Sports Editor

After suffering through his third-straight losing season at Northwest, head football coach Vern Thomsen handed in his resignation. The announcement of Thomsen's resignation was made by Northwest Athletic Director Richard Flanagan on Monday.

"He (Thomsen) handed me an envelope last Friday and informed me that it was his resignation," Flanagan said. "I didn't open it right then."

A meeting for the football team was held by Flanagan and three members of the Booster club on Sunday night. The meeting was used to get the input of the team members towards the Northwest program. The two hour meeting, which began at 6 p.m. in Lamkin Gym, produced some mixed reactions about Thomsen's resignation, but Flanagan said this is the usual reaction after such an event.

Flanagan would not comment on what was said during the meeting due to a commitment he made to the players to keep the meeting confidential.

Thomsen could not be reached throughout the week. However, assistant coach Jack Blazek felt that Thomsen's

resignation would come "sooner or later".

"This is a good situation," Blazek said. "But Northwest's (football) program will take another year to grow up."

Blazek expressed optimism about the future of the Northwest program. He also commented that the recruitment program would center in on not only getting players to Northwest, but to keep current members interested and to regain the interest of other players who had left the program.

Getting the program back on its feet is a goal of everyone involved in Bearcat football. Flanagan said that he wants to immediately begin working on the search for a new coach so the recruitment program can stay strong.

The procedure for finding a new head coach will begin with prospective coaches turning in applications to Sandra Cox, director of personnel at Northwest. The deadline for the head coaching job is Dec. 4. The deadline of application for the assistant's coaches' jobs is Dec. 11. Both Jack Blazek and assistant coach John Blazek have not had their contracts renewed, but according to Flanagan both will be allowed to re-apply for the positions upon the naming of a new head coach.

All applicants will then be interviewed by a seven-member committee. The committee will be comprised of five university personnel, who are connected with the athletic department, and two members of the Bearcat football squad. Flanagan will serve as chairperson for the group. A new coach is expected to be selected and named by Dec. 14. This, Flanagan hopes, will help to keep recruiting for next season at a constant pace. Commitments towards student coaches will be honored until May.

When Thomsen took over the head coaching job at Northwest in December of 1982, he told Flanagan that if the program was not strong in five years, he would turn in his resignation. Flanagan expressed admiration towards Thomsen for keeping his word.



Northwest head football coach Vern Thomsen answered speculations about his future by turning in his resignation.

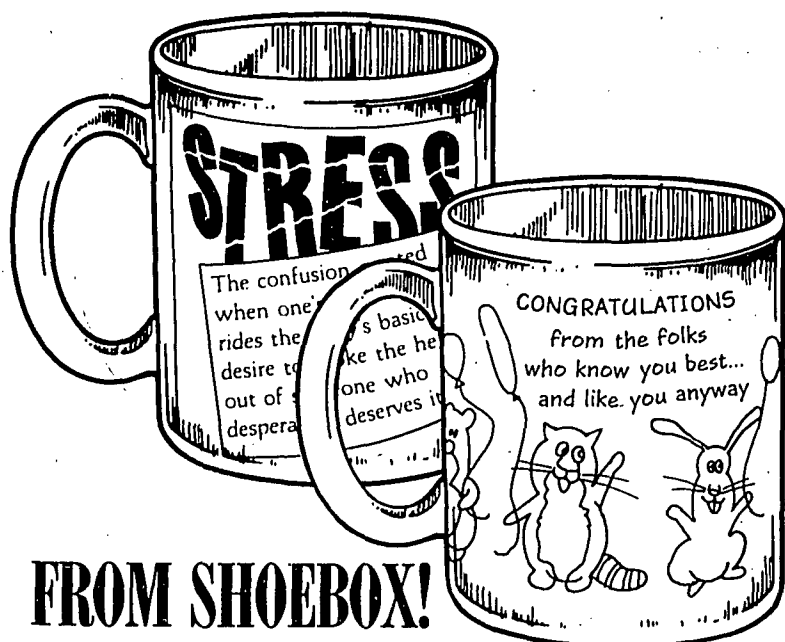
## VERN THOMSEN'S COACHING RECORD

SEASON(S).....	SCHOOL.....	W-L-T
1973.....	Southeast Community College (Nebr.).....	6-3-0
1976-82.....	Ellsworth Community College (Iowa).....	59-12-1
1983-87.....	Northwest Missouri State University.....	24-34-1

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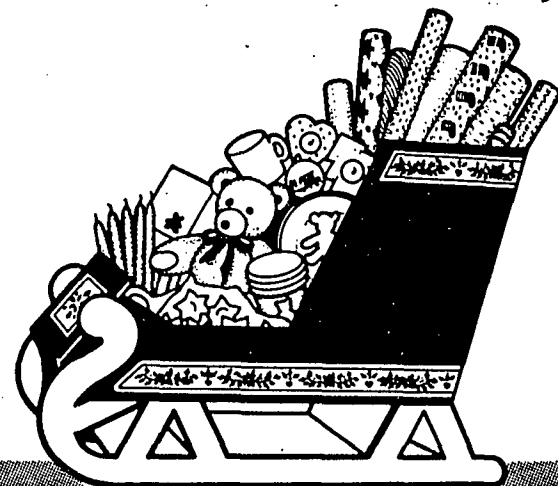


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## Seasons to begin with Milner tournament

Northwest's men's and women's basketball teams start their seasons this Friday when both play host to the Ryland Milner Invitational.

William Penn College will open tournament play in the women's bracket against Peru State at 1 p.m. Northwest will see action in their first game of the season against Pittsburg State at 6 p.m. The women's bracket will close on Saturday beginning with a 1 p.m. consolation game and the championship game at 6 p.m.

Returning Bearkitten starters are Janet Clark, a five-foot, nine junior guard; Sandy Cummings, a five-foot, seven sophomore guard; Kelly Leintz, a six-foot senior forward; and Lori Schneider, a six-foot junior center. There are five other returnees and six newcomers to the 'Kitten squad.

The team finished with a 19-9 overall record and placed third in the MIAA with a 10-4 conference record.

Northwest's men's basketball team begins its season on Friday with an 8 p.m. contest against Westmar College at Lamkin Gym.

The non-conference game will close out the first round of the tournament. Sinn is a little cautious as to his expectations of Westmar.

"I'm not real comfortable on the fact of opening (the season) against them," Sinn said. "They are strong at the guard spots...normally they are good shooters, and they are well coached."

Westmar's main problem is their size. Of their returning players from last year's squad, their tallest player is 6-foot, 3 inches.

Three starters from last year's MIAA

champion squad return for the 'Cats this year. They are led by forward Bob Sundell, a six-foot, eight junior. The other two starters returning are center Jeff Hutcheon, a six-foot, eight junior and guard Gerald Harris, a six-foot, three senior. Last season, the 'Cats finished with an overall record of 19-10, and won the conference with a 10-4 MIAA record. The other returnee for the 'Cats is guard Jon Clark, a six-foot, two senior with a strong three-point shot.

The other game in the men's bracket pits Grand View from Iowa against Baptist Christian from Iowa at 3 p.m.

Sinn, a firm believer in crowd participation, encourages the fans to provide strong support when the 'Cats begin their season. He asks that fans dress in green and wave white handkerchiefs or towels during the game.

MIAA FINAL STANDINGS	
School	MIAA Record
**Central Mo. State.....	4-0-1
**Southeast Mo. State.....	4-0-1
Northeast Mo. State.....	3-2-0
Univ. Of Mo. Rolla.....	2-3-0
Northwest Mo. State.....	1-4-0
Lincoln Univ.....	0-5-0
**Conference Co-Champions	
Offensive player of the week	
Ed Tillison (Northwest)	
Intramural Ath. of the Week	
Men: Jay Tiefenthaler	
Women: Sheila Holmes	

## Changes bring on fate of Bearcats

BY TROY APOSTOL  
Sports Editor

In 1985, "Air Northwest" began to sputter. In 1986, it began a steep nosedive. This year, it crashed and burned. Any survivors? Hopefully the Bearcat football squad. Any casualties? Former head coach Vern Thomsen, who turned in his resignation as head coach this past Monday.

It was the smartest move that could be made to save the Bearcat football program. Under Thomsen, the 'Cats struggled to a 3-8 finish this season, their third consecutive losing year.

Each season marked what Thomsen called a "new-look" squad. Thomsen could never maintain one set plan, even during the year.

Thomsen had trouble finding, and controlling the heart of the squad. One week's plans called for the running game to remain dominant for the entire season. Next week it was something else that would take top priority.

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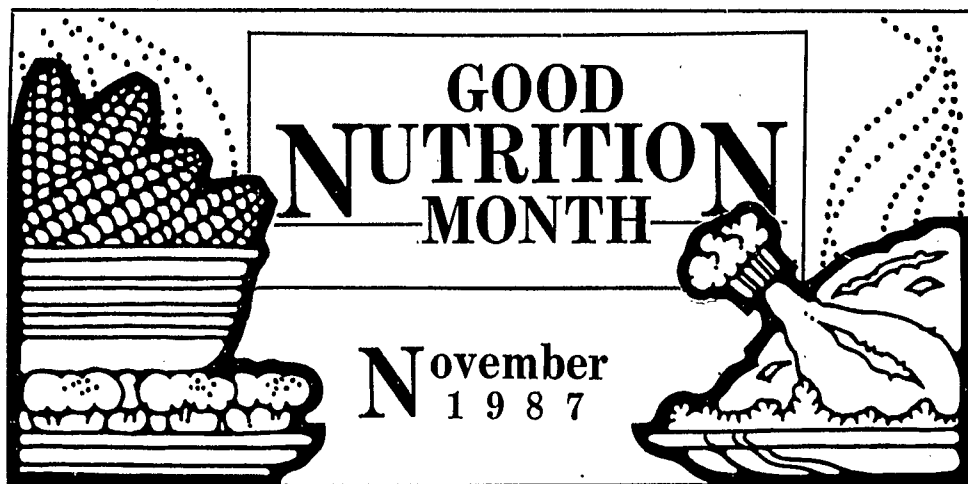
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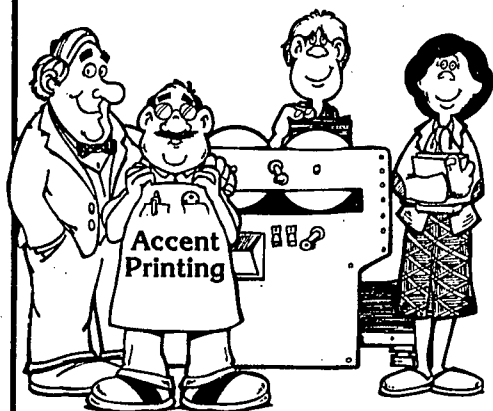
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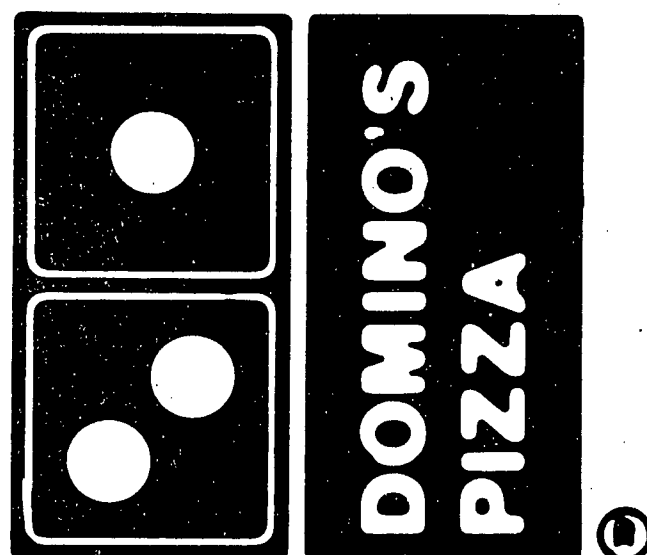
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